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August 9, 2005

Karen Majcher, Vice President, High Cost & Low Income Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
2000 L Street, N.W.  
Suite 200  
Washington, D.C. 200364

Dear Ms. Majcher:

This letter serves as the required notification under Section 36.605 of the FCC's rules and CC Docket No. 96-45 that United Farmers Telephone Company, study area code 351316 qualifies for Safety Net Support as its 2004 TPIS growth per loop over 2003 is 27.44%. I am authorized to make this certification. NECA has been supplied the cost study and supporting documentation.

If you have any questions, please contact our consultant, Gordy Kraut of Kiesling Associates LLP at 217-698-0001, extension 1.

Sincerely,



Roxanne White  
General Manager

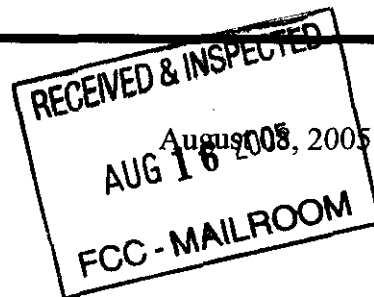
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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

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Thank you.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

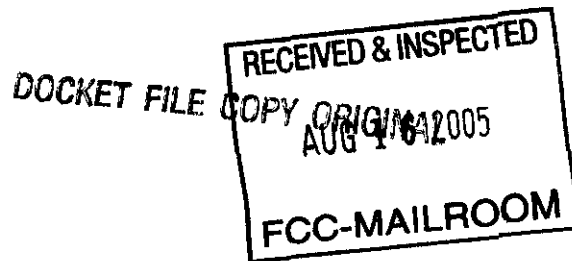
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**Kecia Coachman**

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August 11, 2005 12:53 PM

The Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear The Federal Communications Commission:

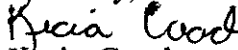
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**Shari Mildon**

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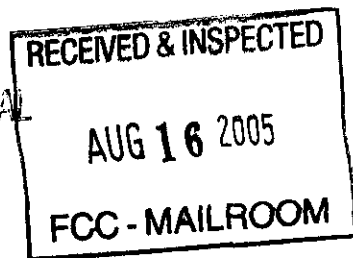
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**Mikhaila Donnelly**

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August 09, 2005 03:28 PM

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Thank you.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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Representative Todd Tiahrt  
FCC Chairman Kevin Martin

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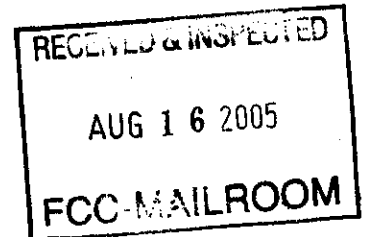


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Washington, D.C. 20036



Dear Ms. Majcher:

This letter serves as the required notification under Section 36.605 of the FCC's rules and CC Docket No. 96-45 that Alpine Communications, L.C., study area code 351106 qualifies for Safety Net Support as its 2004 TPIS growth per loop over 2003 is 14.1%. I am authorized to make this certification. NECA has been supplied the cost study and supporting documentation.

If you have any questions, please contact our consultant, Gordy Kraut of Kiesling Associates LLP at 217-698-0001, extension 1.

Sincerely,

Chris Hopp  
General Manager

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**Ernest Hopkins**

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July 21, 2005 03:05 PM

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service -- Docket 96-45

Dear The Federal Communications Commission:

~~X~~ I STRONGLY oppose the "flat fee" tax increase that will UNFAIRLY raise my phone bills.  
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Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

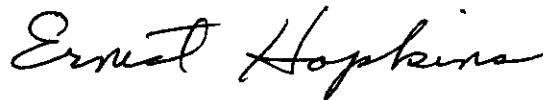
Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

Ernest Hopkins

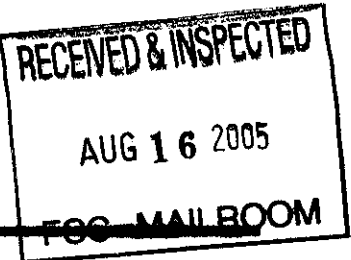


cc:

Senator Carl Levin  
Representative Dale Kildee  
Senator Debbie Stabenow

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**WILLIAM WILSON**

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August 09, 2005 09:28 AM

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